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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, SY, LE  
SUBJECT: JAN 27 SYRIAN MEDIA DEFEND ADF MOVEMENTS IN LEBANON

1. SYRIAN MEDIA STRONGLY DEFENDED ADF MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT LEBANON, BUT MADE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO SOUTHERN LEBANON. MORNING DAMASCUS RADIO BROADCAST THAT ADF CONTINUED TO FORTIFY ITS POSITIONS IN AREAS WHERE IT DEPLOYED, AND HAS REINFORCED ITS PATROLS IN SEARCH OF WEAPONS AMIDST POPULAR LEBANESE WELCOME.

2. PRESS HIGHLIGHTED FEARS CAUSED IN ISRAEL BY TROOP MOVEMENTS. PAPERS BANNERED: "LEBANON WELCOMES NEW MEASURES, AND ISRAEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANIFESTS ITS APPREHENSIONS. ENEMY PAPERS--'SYRIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN LEBANON IS A THREAT TO ISRAEL.'"

3. PRESS ARTICLES NOTED THAT BEFORE JAN 26, ADF HAD EXPANDED DEPLOYMENT IN BEIRUT, TAKING NEW POSITIONS IN FURN AL-SHUBBAK, AYN AL-RUMMANAH AND HADITH, AND SENDING PATROLS ALSO TO SIDE STREETS. PRES. SARKIS SCHEDULED TO CHAIR QUADRIPARTITE

MEETING JAN 29. COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS PROPOSAL BY AL-HAJJ  
TO DEPLOY ADF "THROUGHOUT CAPITAL AND OTHER LEBANESE REGIONS."

4. AL-BAATH FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL REMINDED READERS THAT ADF  
ACTING UNDER ORDERS OF PRES. SARKIS AND MANDATE OF ARAB  
SUMMITS. EDITOR PLEDGED THAT, "NOTHING WILL LIMIT ADF FREEDOM  
OF ACTION" EXCEPT THESE GUIDELINES, AND ASSERTED THAT ADF  
WILL IGNORE "POLITICAL BLACKMAIL, INTIMIDATION, AND CAMPAIGNS  
OF INCITEMENTS STIRRED UP BY ELEMENTS UNCONCERNED WITH  
INTERESTS OF LEBANON AND ARABS." HE PROMISED THAT ADF WOULD  
IMPLEMENT ITS MISSION "WITHOUT BIAS OR DISCRIMINATION."

5. COMMENT: MEDIA FOCUSING MORE ATTENTION ON ADF MOVES INTO  
CHRISTIAN SECTORS THAN SOUTH LEBANON, AND THRUST OF EDITORIAL  
SEEMS INTENDED TO REMIND AUDIENCE THAT ADF ACTIONS WILL AFFECT  
INHABITANTS OF CHRISTIAN AS WELL AS OTHER REGIONS.  
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